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| 41. | विद्यानन्द झा | यूडीसी | --वही-- |
| 42. | हमसी चटोला | टी ओ | --वही-- |
| 43. | रेखा शर्मा | टी ओ | --वही-- |
| 44. | प्रेम कुमार गुप्ता | एलडीसी | --वही-- |
| 45. | रामचन्द्र महरात्रा | टीएम (टी ) | सी जी एम एम, नई दिल्ली |

**Un Security Council's resolution on withdrawal of Iraq from Kuwait**

702. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL;

DR. BAPU KALDATE: SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the implications of United Nations Security Council Resolution regarding withdrawal of Iraq from Kuwait by 15th January, 1991; and

(b) whether such action would escalate conflict in the neighbourhood and what would be the role of India in such circumstances to protect our interest?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Security Council Resolution 678 authorises member States cooperating with the Government of Kuwait to use all necessary means to uphold and implement Security Council Resolution 660 and all subsequent relevant Resolution unless Iraq fully implements those Resolutions on or before 15th January 1991. India is, however, still hopeful to have a peaceful solution to the conflict.

**Project Elephant**

703. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that due to large scale dwindling of elephant habitats Government have formulated "Project Elephant"; and

(b) if so, what are the details of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The activities to be taken up in the areas identified for the project areas are (a) acquiring lands and carrying out plantations for creation of corridors to help in migration of elephants (b) eviction of en-, croachnient and settlements from the elephant ranges and to help in rehabilitation of the human populations affected by this programme (c) carrying out plantation of fodder species and eradication of such species which interfere with availability of the fodder to the elephants (d) augmenting the water supply and creation of water holes to provide drinking water to elephants|restrai$_n$ elephants from moving out electric fencing/elephant proof trenches in. vulnerable areas to step straying of ele- ' phants/restrain elephants from moving our to agricultural areas (f) to educate the local people about the behaviour of elephants and avoid confrontation at the time of crop raiding so that accidental deaths could be avoided (g) identifying problem populations and translocating them to ,, areas away from private lands (h) if the ' translocation efforts'are not successful the problem population could be captured and domesticated and used (i) provide approp-, riate compensation for the crop damage and loss of human life caused by elephants. (j) crop insurance so that the poor farmers are not affected by the deoredation and (k) strengthening the anti-coaching infrastructure to safeguard the elephant from ivory poachers.

Eco-development would also be taken in the identified areas for increasing the pro ductivity of land, reducing the dependence of the people on the forests, carrying out programmes for improving the quality of livestock and reduce its number, develop ing alternative sources of energy and en courage use of non-timber housing mate rial etc.

**Environment Policy**

704. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN; Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any Environment policy; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI); (a) and (b) Government propose to issue an Environmental policy Statement.

Prohibition of use of vehicles by individuals to clear the cities of fuel pollution

705. SHRl SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FO RESTS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to prohibit the use of vehicles by individuals to clear Delhi and other cities of vehicle fuel pollution and also to save petrol and diesel; and

(b) if so, by when action would be initiated to stop individual use of vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**SAARC meet at Male**

706. CHOWDHRY HARl SINGH;
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) the details of the Subjects discussed at the recent summit meeting of SAARC held at Male;

(b) the decisions taken at the summit-,. and

(c) the follow-up action being taken or proposed to be taken to implement those decisions?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) The details of the subjects discussed at the recent Summit Meeting of SAARC held at Male and the decisions taken at the Summit are contained in the Male Declaration and the Joint Press Release, copies of which have already been laid on the Table of the House. *[See* Appendix CLVI, Annexure No. 12]

(c) The Ministry of External Affairs is in touch with various Ministries/Departments of Government of India to takfl follow-up measures in order to implement these decisions.

**Killing of Tamil Nadu fishermen by Sri Lankan Army**

707. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: SHRI M. VINCENT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Sri Lankan Army fired and killed Tamil Nadu fishermen near Kacha Theevu in October, 1990;

(b) the number of incidents of firing by Sri Lankan Army against our fishermen during the year 1990 and what are the details thereof;

(c) • whether the Tamil Nadu fishermen are prevented from fishing around Kacha Theevu Island by Sri Lankan Army; and

(d) whether Government would reconsi der the agreement with Sri Lanka on Kacha Theevu Island in order to protect the rights of fishing of our fishermen?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In 1990, five incidents of firing by Sri Lankan Navy against Indian fishermen: were reported;